


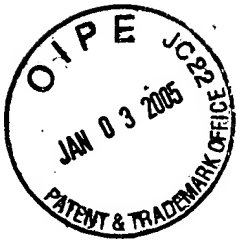


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. 42059-01140	
Applicant(s): LOFTUS					
Application No. 09/776,163	Filing Date FEB. 2, 2001	Examiner DONALD L. MILLS	Customer No. 25231	Group Art Unit 2662	Confirmation No. 9626
Invention: "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH CAPACITY/FAILURE TOLERANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SIGNALING NETWORK GATEWAY"					
					
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:
Ronald J. Loftus
Serial No.: 09/776,163
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For: "System and Method For High
Capacity/Failure Tolerance
Telecommunications In A Signaling
Network Gateway"

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of July 1, 2004 (Paper No. 7). Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from October 1, 2004 to January 1, 2005, as well as a check in the amount of \$1,020 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: